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## Durres Area

- The following are militarily defensive positions which would probably be used by Communist forces in the defense of Durres:
  - Spitalle-Arapaj-Vargaj-Tilaj-Beteraj-Golemas-Karpenit-Vile-Mali i West: Kercokes-Drac.
  - Grece-Dores-Dorakaj-Pez' e Vogel-Ndroq-Grembellesh-Piace-Preze-Mali Easts Sitos-Mali i Skanderbeut.
  - North: Hills 616-472 and Lum i Math.
  - South: Shkumbi River-Hills 508, 505, 405-Karpen.
- The following are the best approaches for an assault on the city:
  - West: A sea landing at Bregun e Kavajes followed by an attack in the a. direction of the villages of Bordrol, Domen, Greth, and Spilej, or an attack in the direction of Bize, Barus, Preze.
  - b. East: Milot-Zhejes.
  - South: Rrogozhine-Lis Petrosej-Kryezi.
- The following locations dominate Durres:
  - The hills Spitalle, Beteraj, Golemas, Vargaj, Shkamb i Kavajes, West: Preze, Mali e Kercokes, Barus, Bize, and Drac.
  - East: Grece-Knete-Mali i Sitos-Mali i Skanderbeut, and Skuraj.
  - North: Hills 616-472.

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d. South: Hills 405-306-283.

4. 75 percent of the population in the Durres area is opposed to the Hoxha regime. The Moslems are especially opposed to the regime, while a 25X1 majority of the Orthodox population is pro-Communist.

## Shkoder Area

- 5. The following are militarily defensive positions which would probably be used by Communist forces in the defense of Shkoder:
  - a. North: Vermosh-Belance-Maja e Marlutit-Biograd-Vermot-Stan i Grebenit-Budur-Lepush-Brir i Dashit-Qafa e Valbones-Mal i Roganit.
  - b. East: Hill 2110-Mertur-Shengjergj-Brashte-Hill 1121-Toplane-Gur 1 Liges-Bregu i Drinit-Bushat-Height of Lejthize-Shkalles-Rrype-Bjeshk e Kushenit-Kulmi i Kurores-Bregu i Fanit.
  - c. South: Lum i Math-Mali i Veljes-Vele-Hill 701 and Hill 435 in Breg i Lumit-Dibrit-Qafa e Valmerit-Mail i Rremait-Mal i Shenjte-Hill 270 in Bregun i Drinit.
  - d. West: Mali i Sokolit-Rohovic-Kopit-Velecik-Bratosh-Hill 183-Mokset-Koplik-Bregu i Liqenit Shkoder-Zogaj-Mal i Gabsit-Bregu i Drinit-Hill 321-Mali i Rencit-Mal i Shenjte.
- 6. The following are the best approaches for an assault on the city:
  - a. North: Brinit i Dashit-Gjocaj-Bishtok i Kastratit-Mali i Drugomerit-Kastrat.

    Alternate: Gjocaj-Qafa e Trojanit-Kaprej-Flandre-Mali i Derit-PostribeMal Maranaj-Rrash e Vorfes-Shkoder.
  - b. East: Iballe-Mali Krabi-Heights of Lajthize-Hill 750-Vjerdhe-Sheldi.
  - c. South: Mali i Veljes-Troshan-Kalivac-Haraj-Gryka e Gjadrit-Va i Dejes.
  - d. West: there are too many natural obstacles for an assault in this direction.
- 7. The following points dominate the town of Shkoder: Mali e Galisit, Mali Tarabosh, Mali i Sheldis, and Kalaj Rozafat.
- 8. 85 percent of the population of the Shkoder area are against the Hoxha regime.

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